

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): B.G. Goodman et al. Examiner Li B. Zhen
Serial No. 09/755,405 Group Art Unit 2194
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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR COMMUNICATION
AMONG NODES IN A SYSTEM

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated November 30, , 2006 (“Final Office Action”) in which the Examiner found that claims 9, 23, and 37 are allowable if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 1-8, 10-22, 24-36, and 38-48 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amend independent claims 1, 13, and 29 to include the requirements of allowable claims 9, 23, and 37 and intervening claims to place pending claims 1-7, 10-21, 24-35, 38-48 in condition for allowance. Claims 8, 9, 22, 23, 36, and 37 are canceled.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14.